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Hi Vicki & Jim,

Received the photo with your letter and were very pleased to get them - that's a great picture! you look in fine shape to me - in spite of tired legs, as you said - I truly can't quite imagine you running 26 miles - it seems such an exhausting ordeal - Did you only pause momentarily for something to drink? This has to be so in order for you to finish in good time, I know. Susan hasn't worked up to marathon running yet, evidently but it was nice of her to join you! Does she work with you at your office? We're having another little

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taste of winter - Not bad here  
but my boss couldn't make it  
out from east Portland this  
morning so I'm working all day.  
We had a little snow - only stuck  
on the grass out our way but  
the roads were icy last nite.

Oh, I will not be postmaster  
at our establishment after all -  
I received a letter this week  
saying I was qualified but  
not selected - How about that?  
We don't know who it will be  
yet but perhaps the carrier on Rt  
1 will - He was called for an  
interview anyway - I really don't  
care - and in several ways am  
relieved - Too much responsibility  
and long hours in sight for the  
next 2 or 3 years - And the fact  
of my age indicating approaching  
retirement may have been a factor  
too - after all if it takes nearly  
a year to select a new p.m.  
they won't want to do it often -  
Ha.

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We had a nice day last Sunday celebrating Frances' birthday - early - since she was leaving for 3 weeks in Hsient Hot Springs on Wed. Her brother & family are already there and she will drive back with them in March - all the available family were at our house except Craig & Jean - (and Lori didn't come either) Jim & Louise's Harrel & Marilyn & little Israel came too - He's a darling little boy but so long for such a name -

Jerry is staying with us for awhile at least so he was home for Sunday too - He's looking for work out this way having quit his warehouse job some time back as too boring and dead ended - we rather wish he had found something else first but that's hard to do when you're working - especially if you don't know

what you're looking for - I wish so that he could have some direction in life - some motivation And some one person he cared about who could supply the missing elements -

How did the dinner party go? With such good help as Jim I'm sure it went well - and the lunch with the congressional wives? I imagine you enjoyed that and the discussion of endowments to the arts - its rather nice for you two to have Jim's sister & family near by, isn't it - altho you have many friends there too.

Did I tell you we are planning to keep Kevin & Jeff the first week in March while Ken & Debby go to Las Vegas? He's combining business with pleasure and taking her along - I'm sure she'll enjoy getting away - and I hope we are up to the little guys for a whole week! Ha - out of space - thanks again for the picture and I guess you're in the Bahamas right now! Love,  
Mom & Dad.